

**BILL NO. 05-46
AS AMENDED**

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 05-46

Introduced by Council President Wagner at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 05-31 Date December 6, 2005

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Chapter 82, Building Construction, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide that Harford County shall adopt as its standard for building regulations the 2003 International Building Code and the 2003 International Residential Code with certain amendments thereto; to further provide penalties for the violation of the building standards; and generally relating to buildings and construction in Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council, December 6, 2005

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: January 3, 2006

at: 7:00 p.m.

By Order: Barbara J. O'Connor, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on January 3, 2006, and concluded on, January 3, 2006.

Barbara J. O'Connor, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland, that Chapter 82, Building Construction, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be, and it is hereby, repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

Chapter 82. Building Construction

ARTICLE I. [2000] 2003 International Building Code

§ 82-1. Adoption of [2000] 2003 International Building Code by reference.

A. The [2000] 2003 International Building Code (hereinafter referred to as the Building Code, or code) published by the International Code Council, Inc., is hereby adopted and by reference thereto is made a part of this chapter with the same force and effect as though set out in full herein, save and except such changes, amendments, revisions, deletions, subsections and/or additions as are specified in this chapter. If conflicts with this code, or with changes, amendments, revisions, deletions, subsections, and/or additions to that code are found elsewhere in the County Code, the most restrictive provisions shall govern.

B. At least one copy of this code and supplements thereto shall be on file and open for public use, examination and inspection in the office of the Director of Administration and in the office of the Council Administrator.

§ 82-2. Modifications.

A. Definitions.

[(1) As used in this code, the term “Board of Appeals” means the building Board of Appeals as established under the provisions of Appendix B.]

[(2)] (1) As used in this code, the term “building official” means the Director of the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

[(3)] (2) As used in this code, the term “Department of Building Safety” means the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

[(4)] (3) As used in this code, the term “Harford County Hazardous Materials Team” means the Harford County Hazardous Materials Team as created by the Harford County Division of Emergency

Operations.

[(5)] (4) As used in this code, the term “ICC Electrical Code” means the Harford County Electrical Code, Chapter 105 (Article I, Section 105-3, *et seq.*) of the Harford County Code.

[(6)] (5) As used in this code, the term “International Fuel Gas Code” means the Harford County Plumbing Code, Chapter 202 (Section 202-1, *et seq.*) of the Harford County Code.

[(7)] (6) As used in this code, the term “International Plumbing Code” means the Harford County Plumbing Code, Chapter 202 (Section 202-1, *et seq.*) of the Harford County Code.

[(8)] (7) As used in this code, the term “ICC/ANSI 117.1” means the Maryland Accessibility Code set forth in Code of Maryland Regulations, Title 5, Subtitle 05.02.02.

B. The following sections are changes or additions to certain sections of the 2003 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING Code.

(1) Subsection 101.1 is hereby amended by substituting “Harford County” for “[name of jurisdiction]” in the second line.

(2) SUBSECTION 101.2 IS AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION:
“3. EXISTING BUILDINGS AS DEFINED IN COMAR 05.16.01.03B(22) UNDERGOING REPAIR, ALTERATIONS OR ADDITIONS, AND CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY MAY COMPLY WITH THE MARYLAND BUILDING REHABILITATION CODE (MBRC) SET FORTH IN COMAR 05.16.01-.08.”

[(2)] (3) Subsection 101.2.1 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:
“101.2.1 Appendices. Provisions in Appendix B, Board of Appeals; Appendix C, Group U – Agricultural Buildings; Appendix F, Rodent Proofing; [Appendix H, Sign;] and Appendix I, Patio Covers, are adopted as part of the Harford County Building Code.”

[(3)] (4) Subsection 101.4.1 is deleted.

[(4)] (5) Subsection 101.4.2 is deleted.

[(5)] (6) Subsection 101.4.4 is deleted.

1 [(6)] (7) Subsection 101.4.5 is deleted.

2 [(7)] (8) Subsection 102.6 is amended by deleting “the International Property Maintenance
3 Code” starting in the fourth line.

4 [(8)] (9) Subsection 103.3 is amended by deleting the last sentence: “For the maintenance
5 of existing properties, see the International Property Maintenance Code.”

6 [(9)] New Subsection 104.1.1 is added as follows:

7 **“104.1.1 Rule making authority.** The building official shall have authority as necessary in the
8 interest of public health, safety and general welfare, to adopt and promulgate rules and
9 regulations to interpret and implement the provisions of this code to secure the intent thereof
10 and to designate requirements applicable because of local climatic or other conditions. Such
11 rules shall not have the effect of waiving structural or fire performance requirements specifically
12 provided for in this code or of violating accepted engineering practice involving public safety.”]

13 (10) Subsection 104.6 is amended by adding a new sentence at the end of the section:
14 “Nothing in this section shall be deemed to restrict or otherwise limit the provisions of Section 1-18 of the
15 Harford County Code.”

16 (11) New Subsection 104.12 is added as follows:

17 **“104.12 Restriction of employees.** An official or employee connected with the Department of
18 Building Safety, except one whose only connection is that of a member of the Board of Appeals
19 established under the provisions of Appendix B, shall not be engaged in or directly or indirectly
20 connected with the furnishing of labor, materials or appliances for the construction, alteration or
21 maintenance of a building, or the preparation of construction documents thereof, unless that
22 person is the owner of the building; nor shall such officer or employee engage in any work that
23 conflicts with official duties or with the interests of the department.”

24 [(12)] Subsection 105.1 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

25 **“105.1 Required.** Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter,

1 repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install,
2 enlarge, alter, repair, remove convert or replace any mechanical system, the installation of which
3 is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to
4 the building official and obtain the required permit.”]

5 (12) Subsection 105.1.1 is deleted.

6 (13) Subsection 105.1.2 is deleted.

7 (14) Subsection 105.2 is amended by deleting subheadings “Electrical,” “Gas” and
8 “Plumbing” and by amending subheading “Building” by adding AND MODIFYING the following sub-items.

9 “1. [One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and
10 similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet (11.15 m²).] THE
11 PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE SHALL NOT APPLY TO STRUCTURES NOT
12 MORE THAN ONE STORY IN HEIGHT AND ARE 200 SQUARE FEET OR LESS
13 IN AREA AND ARE NOT CLASSIFIED AS USE GROUP H, HIGH HAZARD.

14 14. [The provisions of this code shall not apply to the construction, maintenance or
15 alteration of buildings or structures on property which is zoned agricultural, assessed
16 agricultural, the building or structure is used only for agricultural pursuits, and the
17 building or structure is not intended for nor used for human occupancy.] THE
18 PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE CONSTRUCTION,
19 ALTERATION OR MODIFICATION OF AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, AS
20 DEFINED IN SECTION 202 AND AS IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX C, SUBSECTION
21 C101.1. A LEGALLY EXISTING AGRICULTURAL BUILDING SHALL NOT BE
22 CONSIDERED AS A ‘CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY’ THAT REQUIRES A
23 BUILDING PERMIT IF THE SUBORDINATE USE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
24 THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 302.2 AND 302.2.1. THE
25 PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE SHALL ALSO NOT APPLY TO AN

1 AGRICULTURAL USE AREA LOCATED WITHIN AN AGRICULTURAL
2 BUILDING ON THE LEVEL OF EXIT DISCHARGE, NOT GREATER THAN 3,000
3 SQUARE FEET IN AREA, AND THE AGRICULTURAL USE AREA DOES NOT
4 EXCEED THE TABULAR VALUES IN TABLE 503 FOR THE ALLOWABLE
5 HEIGHT OR AREA OF SUCH USE.

6 15. One story detached accessory structures to use Group R-3, provided the floor area does
7 not exceed 200 square feet.

8 16. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE RESPECTING AGRICULTURAL BUILDING
9 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED
10 TABLE ENTITLED ‘AGRICULTURAL BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS
11 TABLE.’”

12 (15) Subsection 105.2.2 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

13 **“105.2.2 Repairs.** Application or notice to the building official is not required for ordinary
14 repairs to structures. Such repairs shall not include the cutting away of any load bearing wall,
15 partition or portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or load bearing
16 support, or the removal or change of any required means of egress, or rearrangement of parts of
17 a structure affecting the egress requirements; nor shall ordinary repairs include addition to,
18 alteration of, replacement or relocation of any standpipe, mechanical or other work affecting
19 public health or general safety.”

20 (16) Subsection 105.5 is amended by deleting “180 days” in the third line and inserting “12
21 months” in lieu thereof.

22 (17) New Subsection 105.6.1 is added as follows:

23 **“105.6.1 Withholding permits.** The building official may withhold the issuance of any permit
24 and/or place a hold on inspections if the applicant, the owner or any individual listed on the
25 application as a responsible officer (if the applicant is a business entity) has failed to remedy or

1 correct any existing/alleged violation of the Harford County Code on any construction projects
2 in Harford County for which the applicant has been cited by any County agency.”

3 (18) Subsection 108.2 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

4 **“108.2 Schedule of permit fees.** On buildings, structures, mechanical systems or alterations
5 requiring a permit, a fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with Chapter
6 157 of the Harford County Code.”

7 [(19) Subsection 108.6 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

8 **“108.6 Refunds.** Refunds shall be made in accordance with Chapter 157 of the Harford
9 County Code.”]

10 [(20)] (19) New Subsection 109.1.1 is added as follows:

11 **“109.1.1 Purpose of inspections.** All inspections conducted by the Department of Inspections,
12 Licenses and Permits are performed for the protection and promotion of public safety, health
13 and welfare. The inspections are made solely for the public benefit and are not to be construed
14 as providing any warranty of construction to individual members of the public.”

15 [(21)] (20) New Subsection 109.3.8.1 is added as follows:

16 **“109.3.8.1 Hazardous materials inspections.** As deemed necessary by the building official,
17 approval from the Harford County Hazardous Materials Team may be required prior to a
18 certificate of occupancy being issued.”

19 [(22)] (21) New Subsection 109.7 is added as follows:

20 **“109.7 Standards.** All buildings, structures and appurtenances thereto shall be constructed
21 strictly in compliance with accepted engineering practice. All members and components of the
22 structure shall be installed, fitted or fastened, moved or stored in such a manner that the full
23 structural capabilities of the members are obtained. Improper alignment (level and square),
24 fitting, fastening or methods of construction shall be considered a violation of this code.”

25 [(23)] (22) Subsection 110.[4]3 is amended by adding the following at the end of the

1 Subsection: “Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the process of selling property in which a temporary
2 certificate of occupancy is issued shall at the time of settlement present to the buyer a copy of the temporary
3 certificate of occupancy which must include a list of deficiencies that remain to be corrected.”

4 [(24)] (23) Subsection 113.4 is amended by deleting the phrase “shall be subject to penalties
5 as prescribed by law” in the last line and inserting the following in lieu thereof: “shall be guilty of a
6 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment not
7 exceeding ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues shall be
8 deemed a separate offense.”

9 (24) SUBSECTION 115.3 IS DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING IS INSERTED IN LIEU
10 THEREOF:

11 **“115.3 NOTICE.** IF AN UNSAFE CONDITION IS FOUND, THE BUILDING OFFICIAL
12 SHALL SERVE ON THE OWNER, AGENT OR PERSON IN CONTROL OF THE
13 STRUCTURE, A WRITTEN NOTICE OF VIOLATION THAT DESCRIBES THE
14 CONDITION DEEMED UNSAFE AND SPECIFIES THE REQUIRED REPAIRS OR
15 IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO ABATE THE UNSAFE CONDITION OR TO
16 DEMOLISH THE UNSAFE STRUCTURE WITHIN A (SPECIFIED PERIOD OF)
17 STIPULATED TIME.

18 UNLESS THE PERSON SERVED WITH AN ORDER MAKES A TIMELY
19 REQUEST FOR A HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 115.7, THE ORDER BECOMES A
20 FINAL ORDER ON THE ELEVENTH DAY AFTER SERVICE.

21 IF A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED AN ORDER UNDER THIS SECTION
22 MAKES A TIMELY REQUEST FOR A HEARING, I.E., REQUESTS A HEARING WITHIN
23 TEN DAYS FROM SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 115.7, THE ORDER
24 BECOMES A FINAL CORRECTIVE ORDER IF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
25 AFFIRMS THE ORDER FOLLOWING THE HEARING.”

1 (25) NEW SUBSECTION 115.6 IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

2 **“115.6 ABATEMENT.** IF A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED AN ORDER UNDER
3 THIS SECTION FAILS, WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT SPECIFIED IN A NOTICE OF
4 VIOLATION OR ORDER, TO ABATE THE UNSAFE CONDITION AS DIRECTED, THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY MAY TAKE WHATEVER ABATEMENT
6 ACTION THAT MAY BE NECESSARY BY USE OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND
7 EQUIPMENT AND/OR BY CONTRACT WITH PRIVATE CONTRACTORS. THE COST
8 AND EXPENSE OF ABATING THE UNSAFE CONDITION SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY TO THE COUNTY TREASURER
10 TOGETHER WITH THE NAME OF THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE
11 VIOLATION OCCURRED AS DETERMINED FROM THE PROPERTY TAX
12 ASSESSMENT RECORDS. THESE CHARGES SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN UPON THE
13 REAL PROPERTY AND SHALL BE COLLECTIBLE IN THE SAME MANNER AS REAL
14 PROPERTY TAXES WITH THE SAME PRIORITY, INTEREST AND PENALTIES.
15 INITIATION OF ABATEMENT ACTION SHALL NOT PRECLUDE THE ISSUANCE OF
16 ANY OTHER ACTION OR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AUTHORIZED OR PERMITTED
17 UNDER THIS CODE, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND THE COMMON
18 LAW.”

19 (26) NEW SUBSECTION 115.6.1 IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

20 **“115.6.1 NOTICE OF ABATEMENT ACTION.** THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING
21 SAFETY, BEFORE OR WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF ANY
22 ABATEMENT ACTION, SHALL ISSUE A NOTICE OF ABATEMENT ACTION TO THE
23 OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE ABATEMENT ACTION HAS BEEN OR
24 WILL BE COMMENCED. THE NOTICE SHALL DESCRIBE THE ABATEMENT ACTION
25 TO BE UNDERTAKEN AND SHALL SPECIFY THAT THE COSTS FOR THE ACTION

1 SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN ON THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE OWNER.
2 SERVICE OF THE NOTICE OF ABATEMENT ACTION ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF BUILDING SAFETY SHALL BE SERVED AS PROVIDED FOR BY SUBSECTION
4 115.4 OF THIS CODE.”

5 (27) NEW SUBSECTION 115.7 IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

6 “**115.7 HEARING.** THE PROPERTY OWNER OR AGENT RECEIVING A NOTICE OF
7 VIOLATION ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION 115.3, A NOTICE OF ABATEMENT ISSUED
8 UNDER SECTION 115.6.1 OR A LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY MAY REQUEST A
9 HEARING WITHIN TEN DAYS FROM THE RECEIPT OR POSTING OF SUCH NOTICE
10 OR LIEN ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY. THE REQUEST
11 MUST BE IN WRITING AND SERVED PERSONALLY ON THE DIRECTOR OF
12 ADMINISTRATION OR BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED,
13 BEARING A POSTMARK FROM THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.

14 THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION MAY SUBPOENA ANYONE HAVING
15 ANY CONNECTION WITH A HEARING UNDER THIS SECTION AS A WITNESS OR TO
16 GIVE EVIDENCE RELATING TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION. A SUBPOENAED
17 WITNESS WHO IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT
18 SHALL RECEIVE THE SAME FEES AND MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT AS IF THE
19 HEARING WERE A PART OF A CIVIL ACTION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
20 MARYLAND.”

21 (28) NEW SUBSECTION 115.8 IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

22 “**115.8 FINALITY OF LIEN.** UNLESS A PERSON SERVED WITH A NOTICE OF
23 ABATEMENT MAKES A TIMELY REQUEST FOR A HEARING PURSUANT TO
24 SUBSECTION 115.7, THE LIEN SHALL BECOME FINAL ON THE PROPERTY UPON
25 COMPLETION OF THE WORK. IF A PERSON MAKES A TIMELY REQUEST FOR A

1 HEARING, ANY LIEN ON THE PROPERTY SHALL BECOME FINAL AFTER
2 COMPLETION OF ALL THE WORK THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
3 DETERMINES WAS PROPERLY CONDUCTED BY WAY OF ABATEMENT ACTION.”

4 [(25)] (29) New Section 116 is added as follows:

5 **“116. EMERGENCY MEASURES.**

6 **116.1 Imminent danger.** When, in the opinion of the building official, there is imminent
7 danger of failure or collapse of a building or structure or any part thereof which endangers life,
8 or when any structure or part of a structure has fallen and life is endangered by the occupation of
9 the building or structure, the building official is hereby authorized and empowered to order and
10 require the occupants to vacate the same forthwith. The building official shall post at each
11 entrance of such structure a notice reading as follows: ‘This structure is unsafe and its
12 occupancy has been prohibited by the building official. It shall be unlawful for any person to
13 enter such structure except for the purpose of making the required repairs or of demolishing the
14 same.’

15 **116.2 Temporary safeguards.** When, in the opinion of the building official, there is imminent
16 danger due to an unsafe condition, the building official shall cause the necessary work to be
17 done to render such structure temporarily safe, whether or not the legal procedure herein
18 described has been instituted.

19 **116.3 Closing streets.** When necessary for public safety, the building official shall temporarily
20 close structures and close, or order the authority having jurisdiction to close, sidewalks, streets,
21 public ways and places adjacent to unsafe structures and prohibit the same from being used.

22 **116.4 Emergency repairs.** For the purposes of this section, the building official shall employ
23 the necessary labor and materials to perform the required work as expeditiously as possible.

24 **116.5 Costs of emergency repairs.** Costs incurred in the performance of emergency work
25 shall be paid from the treasury of the jurisdiction on approval of the building official. The legal

counsel of the jurisdiction shall institute appropriate action against the owner of the premises where the unsafe structure is or was located to recover the costs incurred by the jurisdiction for the performance of the emergency work.

116.6 Unsafe equipment. Equipment deemed unsafe by the building official shall not be operated after the date stated in the written notice unless the required repairs or changes have been made and the equipment has been approved, or unless an extension of time has been secured from the building official in writing.

116.6.1 Authority to seal equipment. In the case of an emergency, the building official shall have the authority to immediately seal out of service any unsafe device or equipment regulated by this code.

116.6.2 Unlawful to remove seal. Any device or equipment sealed out of service by the building official shall be plainly identified in an approved manner. The identification shall not be tampered with, defaced or removed except by the building official and shall indicate the reason for such sealing.”

(30) SECTION 202 IS AMENDED BY DELETING THE DEFINITION OF “AGRICULTURAL, BUILDING” AND INSERTING THE FOLLOWING IN LIEU THEREOF:

“AGRICULTURAL, BUILDING. A STRUCTURE LOCATED ON LAND ZONED AGRICULTURAL WHICH IS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED TO HOUSE FARM IMPLEMENTS, HAY, GRAIN, POULTRY, LIVESTOCK OR OTHER HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THIS STRUCTURE SHALL NOT BE A PLACE OF HUMAN RESIDENCE.”

(31) SUBSECTION 302.2 IS AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION:
“EXCEPTION. AN ACCESSORY AGRICULTURAL USE AREA LOCATED WITHIN AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING SHALL BE ON THE LEVEL OF EXIT DISCHARGE, SHALL NOT BE GREATER THAN 3,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA, AND THE ACCESSORY AGRICULTURAL USE AREA DOES NOT EXCEED THE TABULAR VALUES IN TABLE

503 FOR THE ALLOWABLE HEIGHT OR AREA FOR SUCH USE.”

~~(32) NEW SECTION 313, AGRICULTURAL SIGNS, IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:~~

~~“SECTION 313~~

~~AGRICULTURAL SIGNS~~

~~313.1 GENERAL. WHENEVER AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING IS OPEN TO THE
GENERAL PUBLIC, THE BUILDING SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE FOLLOWING
CONSPICUOUS EXTERIOR SIGN:~~

~~NOTICE~~

~~THIS IS AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING EXEMPT FROM~~

~~HARFORD COUNTY PERMIT AND INSPECTION~~

~~REQUIREMENTS. ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK.”~~

~~(33) (32)~~ SUBSECTION 406.1.4 IS AMENDED BY DELETING IN ITEM 1 “1/2-INCH
(12.7MM)” AND INSERTING IN LIEU THEREOF “5/8-INCH (15.9MM)” IN THE THIRD LINE AND
INSERTING “ALL DOORS SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A SELF CLOSING DEVICE.” BETWEEN
“715.3.3” AND “OPENINGS” IN THE ELEVENTH LINE.

~~[(26)] (34) (33)~~ Subsection 501.2 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:
“501.2 Premises identification. Address numbers shall be provided on new or renovated
buildings as required by Chapter 84 of the Harford County Code.”

~~[(27)] (35) (34)~~ Subsection 504.2 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:
“504.2 Automatic sprinkler increase. For buildings protected throughout with an approved
automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, the values specified
in Table 503 for maximum height are increased by 20 feet (6096 mm), and the maximum
number of stories is increased by one story. THESE INCREASES ARE PERMITTED IN
ADDITION TO AN AREA INCREASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 506.2 AND
506.3. [Where] WHEN the building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system

1 installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.2. For Groups R-1, R-2, and R-4 and in accordance
2 with Section 903.3.1.3 for Group R-3, the building height limitations specified in Table 503 [is]
3 ARE increased one story and 20 feet (6096 mm) but may not exceed a height of four stories and
4 60 feet (18288 mm) ABOVE THE GRADE PLANE. These increases are permitted in addition
5 to the area increase.”

6 [(28)] ~~(36)~~ (35) Subsection 705.6 is amended by [deleting] ADDING Exception 6. [and
7 inserting the following in lieu thereof:

8 “6. In Groups R-2 and R-3 as applicable in Section 101.2, walls are permitted to terminate
9 at the roof sheathing or deck in Types III, IV and V construction, if:

10 6.1 The roof sheathing or deck is constructed of approved noncombustible materials
11 or of fire-retardant-treated wood for a distance of 4 feet (1220 mm) on both sides
12 of the wall; or

13 6.2 The building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system
14 installed in accordance with Section 903.1.1 or 903.1.2 of this code for Group R-
15 2, and 903.1.1, 903.1.2 or 903.1.3 of this code for Group R-3; or

16 6.3 All of the following applies:

17 6.3.1 The roof is protected with 5/8-inch (15.9 mm) Type X gypsum board
18 directly beneath the underside of the roof sheathing or deck, supported by
19 a minimum of 2-inch (51 mm) ledgers attached to the sides of the roof
20 framing members, for a minimum distance of 4 feet (1220 mm) on both
21 sides of the fire wall; and

22 6.3.2 Openings in the roof are not located within 4 feet (1220 mm) of the fire
23 wall; and

24 6.3.3 The roof is covered with a minimum Class C roof covering.”]

25 “6. IN GROUPS R-2 AND R-3 AS APPLICABLE IN SECTION 101.2, WALLS ARE

1 PERMITTED TO TERMINATE AT THE ROOF SHEATHING OR DECK IN
2 BUILDINGS OF CONSTRUCTION TYPES III, IV AND V IF THE BUILDING IS
3 EQUIPPED THROUGHOUT WITH AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM
4 INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 903.3.1.1 OR 903.3.1.2 FOR
5 GROUP R-2, AND 903.3.1.1, 903.3.1.2 OR 903.3.1.3 FOR GROUP R-3.”

6 [(29) Subsection 907.2.10.1.2 is amended by adding the following exception:

7 **“Exception.** In Groups R-2 and R-3 structures, smoke alarms are not required in sleeping
8 rooms in buildings protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance
9 with Section 903.3.1.1, 903.3.1.2 or 903.3.1.3 of this code.”]

10 [(30)] ~~(37)~~ (36) Subsection [1003.3.3.3] 1009.3 is amended by deleting Exception 5 and
11 inserting the following in lieu thereof:

12 “5. [In occupancies in Group R-3 and in occupancies in Group U which are accessory to an
13 occupancy in Group R-3, the maximum riser height shall be 8¼ inches (210 mm) and
14 the minimum tread depth shall be 9 inches (229 mm). A nosing not less than ¾ inches
15 (19 mm) but not more than 1¼ inches (32 mm) shall be provided on stairways with solid
16 risers where the tread depth is less than 11 inches (279 mm).

17 Within dwelling units in occupancies in Group R-2, the maximum riser height shall be 8
18 inches (204 mm) and the minimum tread depth shall be 9 inches (229 mm). A nosing
19 not less than ¾ inches (19mm) but not more than 1¼ inches (32 mm) shall be provided
20 on stairways with solid risers where the tread depth is less than 11 inches (229 mm).]

21 IN OCCUPANCIES IN GROUP R-3, AS APPLICABLE IN SECTION 101.2, WITHIN
22 DWELLING UNITS IN OCCUPANCIES IN GROUP R-2, AS APPLICABLE IN
23 SECTION 101.2, AND IN OCCUPANCIES IN GROUP U, WHICH ARE
24 ACCESSORY TO AN OCCUPANCY IN GROUP R-3, AS APPLICABLE IN
25 SECTION 101.2, THE MAXIMUM RISER HEIGHT SHALL BE 8 1/4 INCHES (209.5

MM) AND THE MINIMUM TREAD DEPTH SHALL BE 9 INCHES (228.6 MM),
THE MINIMUM WINDER TREAD DEPTH AT THE WALK LINE SHALL BE 9
INCHES (229 MM) AND THE MINIMUM WINDER TREAD DEPTH SHALL BE 6
INCHES (152 MM). A NOSING NOT LESS THAN .075 INCHES (19.1 MM) BUT
NOT MORE THAN 1.25 INCHES (32 MM) SHALL BE PROVIDED ON
STAIRWAYS WITH SOLID RISERS WHERE THE TREAD DEPTH IS LESS THAN
11 INCHES (279 MM).”

[(31) Subsection 1003.3.3.11.3 is amended by adding the following exception:

“Exception. For occupancies in Group R-3 as applicable in Section 101.2 of this code and
within dwelling units in occupancies in Group R-2 as applicable in Section 101.2 of this code,
the grip portion of handrails shall have a circular cross section of 1¼ inches (32 mm) minimum
to 2.625 inches (66.7 mm) maximum. Other shapes that provide an equivalent grasping surface
are permissible. Edges shall have a minimum radius of .125 inches (3.2 mm).”

(32) Subsection 1009.1 Exception 1 is amended by deleting the word “or” in the fourth line
and replacing with a comma and inserting “or 903.3.1.3 of this code” at the end of the sentence.]

[(33)] ~~(38)~~ (37) Chapter 11 is deleted. The Maryland Accessibility Code as set forth in
Code of Maryland Regulations 05.02.02 applies.

[(34) Subsection 1607.11 is amended by adding a new sentence at the end of the Subsection:
“In no case shall the roof live load be computed to be less than 30 PSF for all occupancy groups except Group
U.”]

~~(39)~~ (38) FIGURE 1608.2 IS AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING NOTE:

“1. THE GROUND SNOW LOAD, P_G , FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND
SHALL BE 30 PSF.”

[(35)] ~~(40)~~ (39) Subsection 1612.3 is amended by deleting “[insert name of jurisdiction]”
in the seventh line and inserting in lieu thereof “Harford County” and by deleting “[insert date of issuance]”

starting in the seventh line and inserting in lieu thereof “January 7, 2000”.

[(36)] ~~(41)~~ (40) New Subsection 1805.2.1.1 is added as follows:

“1805.2.1.1 Establishment of frost line. The frost line shall be established at 30” (762 mm) below the finished grade.”

[(37)] ~~(42)~~ (41) Chapter 29 is deleted. Chapter 202 of the Harford County Code applies.

[(38)] ~~(43)~~ (42) New Subsection 3001.2.1 is added as follows:

“3001.2.1 Maryland State Elevator Code. The provisions of this code are in addition to the requirements in the Maryland State Elevator Code. If a conflict between this code and the state code exists, the requirements in the state code shall apply.”

[(39)] ~~(44)~~ (43) Subsection 3103.1.1 is amended by deleting “120 square feet (11.16 mm)” in the second line and inserting in lieu thereof “350 square feet (32.55 mm)” and by deleting [“ten”] “10” in the fifth line and inserting in lieu thereof [“fifty”] “50”.

[(40)] ~~(45)~~ (44) New Subsection [3305.2] 3301.3 is added as follows:

“[3305.2] 3301.3 Housekeeping. Rubbish and trash shall not be allowed to accumulate on construction sites and shall be removed as soon as conditions warrant. Combustible rubbish shall be removed promptly and shall not be disposed of by burning on the premises or in the immediate vicinity. The entire premises and area adjoining around the operation shall be kept in a safe and sanitary condition.”

[(41)] Subsection 3401.1 is amended by adding “or the Maryland Rehabilitation Code” after the word “Chapter” in the first line.]

[(42)] ~~(46)~~ (45) Subsection 3401.3 is amended by deleting “International Property Maintenance Code, International Private Sewage Disposal Code” [in the sixth line] STARTING IN THE FIFTH LINE.

[(43)] ~~(47)~~ (46) Subsection [3409.2] 3410.2 is amended by deleting “[date to be inserted by the jurisdiction.] Note: it is recommended that this date coincide with the effective date of building codes

within the jurisdiction]” and inserting in lieu thereof “March 1, 1968”.

[(44) Subsection H101.2 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

“H101.2 Signs requiring building permits. All signs requiring structural attachment to buildings or structures are required to be permitted before commencement of construction.”

(45) Section H109 is deleted.]

ARTICLE II. [2000] 2003 International Residential Code

§ 82-3. Adoption of [2000] 2003 International Residential Code by reference.

A. The [2000] 2003 International Residential Code published by the International Code Council, Inc., is hereby adopted and by reference thereto is made a part of this chapter with the same force and effect as though set out in full herein, save and except such changes, amendments, revisions, deletions, subsections and/or additions as specified in this chapter. If conflicts with this code, or with changes, amendments, revisions, deletions, subsections and/or additions to that code are found elsewhere in the County Code, the most restrictive provisions shall govern.

B. At least one copy of this code and supplements thereto shall be on file and open for public use, examination and inspection in the office of the Director of Administration and in the office of the Council Administrator.

§ 82-4. Modifications.

The following sections are changes or additions to certain sections of the [2000] 2003 International Residential Code:

(1) Subsection R101.1 is amended by deleting “[name of jurisdiction]” and inserting in lieu thereof “Harford County”.

(2) [New] Subsection [R101.2.1] R102.5 is DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF: [added as follows:]

“[R101.2.1] R102.5 Appendices. Provisions in Appendix A, Sizing and Capacities of Gas Piping; Appendix B, Sizing of Venting Systems Serving Appliances Equipped with Draft

Hoods, Category I, Appliances, and Appliances listed for use and Type B vents; Appendix C, Exit Terminals of Mechanical Draft and Direct-vent Venting Systems; Appendix D, Recommended Procedure for Safety Inspection of an Existing Appliance Installation; Appendix E, Manufactured Housing Used as Dwellings; Appendix G, Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs; Appendix H, Patio Covers; Appendix J, Existing Buildings and Structures; and Appendix K, Sound Transmission, shall be deemed as part of this code.”

(3) New Subsection R101.4 is added as follows:

“R101.4 [Housekeeping. Rubbish and trash shall not be allowed to accumulate on construction sites and shall be removed as soon as conditions warrant. Combustible rubbish shall be removed promptly and shall not be disposed of by burning on the premises or in the immediate vicinity. The entire premises and area adjoining around the operation shall be kept in a safe and sanitary condition.] **SAFEGUARDS DURING CONSTRUCTION.** THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 33 OF THE 2003 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AS ADOPTED BY ARTICLE I OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO ALL CONSTRUCTION SITES POSSESSING A VALID BUILDING PERMIT.”

(4) Sections [R102] R103 through R114 of the [2000] 2003 International Residential Code are deleted and Sections 102 through 116 of the [2000] 2003 International Building Code, as amended, shall be applicable.

(5) Section R202 is amended by deleting the definition of “manufactured home” and inserting in lieu thereof:

“Manufactured home: Manufactured home means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode is eight body feet or more in width or forty body feet or more in length or, when erected on site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing,

1 heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems contained therein. Calculations used to
2 determine the number of square feet in a structure will be based on the structure's exterior
3 dimensions measured at the largest horizontal projections when erected on site. These
4 dimensions will include all expandable room, cabinets and other projections containing interior
5 spaces, but do not include bay windows. This term includes all structures which meet the above
6 requirements except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer
7 voluntarily files a certification pursuant to §3282.13 and complies with the standards set forth in
8 Part 3280.

9 Note: for mobile homes built prior to June 15, 1976, a label certifying compliance to the
10 standard for mobile home, NFPA 501, ANSI 119.1, in effect at the time of manufacture is
11 required. For the purpose of these provisions, a mobile home shall be considered a
12 manufactured home.”

13 (6) Table R301.2(1) is amended by adding the following design values: “roof snow load - 30
14 psf; wind - 90 mph, seismic design category - b; weathering - severe; frost line depth – 30 inches (762 mm);
15 termite - moderate to heavy; decay - slight to moderate; winter design temp - 13⁰ F; ICE SHIELD
16 UNDERLAYMENT REQUIRED – NO; Flood Hazards - July 16, 1981 and January 7, 2000; AIR FREEZING
17 INDEX - 554; MEAN ANNUAL TEMP - 31⁰ F”.

18 (7) Table [R301.4] R301.5 is amended by deleting “40” in the [second] THIRD line for
19 decks and inserting in lieu thereof “60”.

20 (8) Subsection R302.1 is amended by deleting “R105.2” in the second line of the LAST
21 exception and inserting in lieu thereof “105.2 of the [2000] 2003 International Building Code, as amended by
22 Harford County”.

23 (9) New Subsection R302.1.2 is added as follows:
24 **“R302.1.2 Balconies, decks, porches or similar appendages.** Balconies, decks, porches or
25 similar appendages attached to townhouses and constructed with combustible materials shall not

1 be located closer than 24 inches (609.6 mm) to any property line.”

2 (10) Subsection [R303.4.1] R303.6.1 is amended by numbering the existing exception as “1”
3 and adding the following:

4 “2. Interior stairs consisting of less than six risers.”

5 (11) Subsection R309.1 is amended by adding “and shall be equipped with a self closing
6 device” after the word “doors” in the last line.

7 (12) Subsection R309.2 is amended by deleting “1/2-inch (12.7mm)” and inserting in lieu
8 thereof “5/8-inch (15.9mm) fire code” in the second and [fifth] EIGHTH lines.

9 (13) Subsection R310.1 is amended by deleting “basements with habitable space and every”
10 starting in the first line and inserting in lieu thereof “every”.

11 [(14) Subsection R310.1 is amended by adding the following exception:

12 **“Exception.** Dwelling units equipped through out with an automatic sprinkler system installed
13 in accordance with Subsection 903.3.1.3 of the 2000 International Building Code.”]

14 (14) SUBSECTION R311.2.2 IS AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING
15 EXCEPTION:

16 **“EXCEPTION.** ENCLOSED ACCESSIBLE SPACES UNDER STAIRS WHEN
17 PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLED IN
18 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 903.3.1.3 OF THE 2003 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING
19 CODE.”

20 [(15) Subsection R312.1.2 is amended by deleting the first exception and inserting the
21 following in lieu thereof:

22 **“Exception.** If a stairway of two or fewer risers is located on the exterior side of a door, other
23 than the required exit door, a landing is not required for the exterior side of the door.”]

24 (15) SECTION R311.5.3.1 IS AMENDED BY DELETING “7¼ INCHES (196 MM)” IN
25 THE SECOND LINE AND REPLACING WITH “8¼ INCHES (209.5 MM)”.

(16) SECTION R311.5.3.2 IS DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

“R311.5.3.2 TREAD DEPTH. THE MINIMUM TREAD DEPTH SHALL BE 9 INCHES (299 MM). THE TREAD DEPTH SHALL BE MEASURED HORIZONTALLY BETWEEN THE VERTICAL PLANES OF THE FOREMOST PROJECTION OF ADJACENT TREADS AND AT A RIGHT ANGLE TO THE TREAD’S LEADING EDGE. THE GREATEST TREAD DEPTH WITHIN ANY FLIGHT OF STAIRS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SMALLEST BY MORE THAN 3/8 INCH (9.5MM). WINDER TREADS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM TREAD DEPTH OF 9 INCHES (299 MM) MEASURED AS ABOVE AT A POINT 12 INCHES (305 MM) FROM THE SIDE WHERE THE TREADS ARE NARROWER. WINDER TREADS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM TREAD DEPTH OF 6 INCHES (152 MM) AT ANY POINT. WITHIN ANY FLIGHT OF STAIRS, THE GREATEST WINDER TREAD DEPTH AT THE 12 INCH (305 MM) WALK LINE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SMALLEST BY MORE THAN 3/8 INCH (9.5 MM).”

[(16) Subsection R314.2 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

“R314.2 Treads and risers. The maximum riser height shall be 8¼ inches (210 mm) and the minimum tread depth shall be 9 inches (299 mm). The riser height shall be measured vertically between leading edges of the adjacent treads. The tread depth shall be measured horizontally between the vertical planes of the foremost projection of adjacent treads and at a right angle to the tread’s leading edge. The walking face of treads and landings of a stairway shall be sloped no steeper than one unit vertical in 48 units horizontal. The greatest riser height within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than 3/8 inches (9.5 mm). The greatest tread depth within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than 3/8 inches (9.5 mm).”]

(17) Subsection [R314.2.1] R311.5.3.3 Exception 1 is amended by deleting “11 inches (279

mm)” in line two and inserting in lieu thereof “10 inches (254 mm)”.

[(18) Subsection R314.8 is amended by adding the following exception:

“Exception. Enclosed accessible spaces under stairs protected by an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.3 of the 2000 International Building Code.”

(19) Subsection R315.1 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

“R315.1 Handrails. Handrails shall be provided on at least one side of stairways consisting of three or more risers. Handrails shall have a minimum height of 34 inches (864 mm) and a maximum height of 38 inches (965 mm) measured vertically from the nosing of the treads. All required handrails shall be continuous the full length of the stairs from a point directly above the top riser to a point directly above the lowest riser of the stairway. The ends of the handrail shall be returned into a wall or shall terminate in newel posts or safety terminals. A minimum clear space of 1½ inches (38 mm) shall be provided between the wall and the handrail.

Exceptions:

1. Handrails shall be permitted to be interrupted by a newel post at a turn.
2. The use of a volute, turnout or starting easing shall be allowed over the lowest tread.”]

[(20)] (18) New Subsection [R316.1.1] R312.1.1 is added as follows:

“[R316.1.1] R312.1.1 Areaway guards. A guardrail or other approved barrier shall be installed on areaway walls with a grade level elevation difference of greater than 48 inches (1219.2 mm). [Guardrails] GUARDS shall be constructed in accordance with Section [R316.2] R312.2.”

[(21) Subsection R321.2.2 is amended by adding the following at the end of this subsection:

- “4. A parapet is not required where each of the adjoining townhomes is protected throughout with an automatic suppression system in accordance with Subsection 903.3.1.3 of the 2000 International Building Code.”]

[(22)] (19) Subsection [R325.1] R321.1 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu

thereof:

“[R325.1] R321.1 Premises identification. Address numbers shall be provided on new or renovated buildings as required in Chapter 84 of the Harford County Code.”

[(23)] (20) Subsection R405.1 is amended by adding “in accordance with the Harford County Plumbing Code” after the word “system” in the seventh line.

[(24)] (21) Subsection R405.1 is amended by deleting the exception at the end of the subsection.

[(25)] (22) Subsection R506.2.2 is amended by deleting the exception at the end of the subsection.

[(26)] (23) New Subsection R703.9.3 is added as follows:

“R703.9.3 Special inspections. Special inspections shall be required for all EIFS applications.

Exceptions:

1. Special inspections shall not be required for EIFS applications installed over a water-resistive barrier with a means of draining moisture to the exterior.
2. Special inspections shall not be required for EIFS applications installed over masonry or concrete walls.”

[(27)] (24) New subsection R903.4.2 is added as follows:

“R903.4.2 Gutters and leaders. Gutters and leaders shall be installed in accordance with the Harford County Plumbing Code. All rain leaders or extensions shall not discharge closer than 10 feet from any lot line so as not to be a nuisance to surrounding properties.”

[(28)] (25) New Subsection R905.2.8.6 is added as follows:

“R905.2.8.6 Drip edge. Provide drip edge at eaves and gables of shingle roofs. Overlap to be a minimum of 2 inches (51 mm). Eave drip edges shall extend ¼ inches (6.4 mm) below sheathing and extend back on the roof a minimum of 2 inches (51 mm). Drip edge shall be mechanically fastened a maximum of 12 inches (305 mm) on center.”

1 [(29)] (26) Table N1102.1 is amended by modifying the 4,500 - 4,999 heating degree day line
2 with the following: “maximum glazing U-factor - 0.4; ceilings - R-30; walls - R-13; floors - R-19; basement
3 walls - R-11; slab perimeter R-value and depth - R-7, 2ft; crawl space walls - R-17”.

4 [(30)] (27) Part VII, Chapters 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 are deleted and the Harford
5 County Plumbing Code is inserted in lieu thereof.

6 [(31)] (28) Part VIII, Chapters 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 are deleted and the
7 Harford County Electrical Code is inserted in lieu thereof.

8 [(32)] (29) Subsection AE101.1 is amended by deleting the sentence “These provisions shall
9 be applicable only to a manufactured home used as a single dwelling unit installed on privately owned
10 (nonrental) lots and shall apply to the following:” and inserting the following sentence in lieu thereof: “These
11 provisions shall be applicable only to a manufactured home used as a single dwelling unit installed on private
12 and rental lots and shall apply to the following:”.

13 [(33)] (30) Subsection AE201.1 is amended by deleting the definition of “manufactured
14 home” and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

15 **“MANUFACTURED HOME:** Manufactured home means a structure, transportable in one or
16 more sections, which in the traveling mode is eight body feet or more in width or forty body feet
17 or more in length or, when erected on site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, and
18 which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a
19 permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing,
20 heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems contained therein. Calculations used to
21 determine the number of square feet in a structure will be based on the structure’s exterior
22 dimensions measured at the largest horizontal projections when erected on site. These
23 dimensions will include all expandable room, cabinets and other projections containing interior
24 spaces, but do not include bay windows. This term includes all structures which meet the above
25 requirements except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer

1 voluntarily files a certification pursuant to §3282.13 and complies with the standards set forth in
2 Part 3280.

3 NOTE: For mobile homes built prior to June 15, 1976, a label certifying compliance to
4 the standard for mobile home, NFPA 501, ANSI 119.1, in effect at the time of manufacture is
5 required. For the purpose of these provisions, a mobile home shall be considered a
6 manufactured home.”

7 [(34)] (31) Subsection AE201.1 is amended by deleting the definition of “privately owned
8 (nonrental) lot” and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

9 **“PRIVATELY OWNED (NONRENTAL) LOT:** A parcel of real estate outside of a
10 manufactured home rental community (park) where the land and the manufactured home to be
11 installed thereon are held in common ownership.”

12 [(35)] (32) Subsection AE201.1 is amended by adding the following definition:
13 **“RENTAL LOT:** A lot or space that is rented in an approved manufactured home community
14 or park.”

15 [(36)] (33) Subsection AE201.1 is amended by adding the following definition:
16 **“INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDING:** In accordance with Article 83B, §6-202 of the Annotated
17 Code of Maryland, ‘industrialized building’ means a building assembly or system of building
18 subassemblies manufactured in its entirety, or in substantial part, offsite and transported to the
19 point of use for installation or erection, with or without other specified components, as a
20 finished building or as a part of a finished building comprising two or more industrialized
21 building units. An industrialized building need not have electrical, plumbing, heating,
22 ventilating, insulation or other service systems; but when such systems are installed at the
23 offsite manufacture or assembly point they shall be deemed a part of such building assembly or
24 system of building assemblies. Industrialized building does not include open frame
25 construction which can be completely inspected onsite. An ‘industrialized building’ does not

include a mobile home.”

[(37)] (34) Section AE301 is deleted in its entirety.

[(38)] (35) Section AE302 is deleted in its entirety.

[(39)] (36) Section AE303 is deleted in its entirety.

[(40)] (37) Section AE304 is deleted in its entirety.

[(41)] (38) Subsection AE602.1 is amended by adding the phrase “or ANSI A225.1-1994” in the last line of the last paragraph after the word “designer”.

[(42)] (39) Subsection AE603.1 is deleted and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

“AE603.1 General. Piers constructed as indicated in Section AE602 may have heights as follows:

1. Piers 36 inches or less in height and all corner piers shall be at least 16 inches by 16 inches consisting of interlocking masonry units and shall be fully capped with minimum four inches of solid masonry unit or equivalent.
2. Piers between 36 inches and 80 inches in height shall be at least 16 inches by 16 inches consisting of interlocking masonry units and shall be filled solid with grout and reinforcement with four number five bars. One bar shall be placed in each corner cell of hollow masonry unit.
3. Cast-in-place concrete piers meeting the same size and height limitation of items Number 1 and Number 2 above may be substituted for pier construction of masonry units.
4. Piers 80 inches and higher, all support piers shall be designed by an engineer or architect licensed by the state to practice.”

§ 82-5. Status of building permits applied prior to effective date of this Article.

This article shall not apply to buildings for which a valid building permit was applied for prior to the effective date of this article.

1 **§ 82-6. Saving clause.**

2 Nothing in this chapter hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceedings impending in
3 any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing,
4 under any act or ordinance hereby repealed, nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost,
5 impaired or affected by this ordinance.

6 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date it
7 becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: April 14, 2006

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that fifteen (15)
copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public
and the press.*

Council Administrator

BILL NO. 05-46
As Amended

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 05-46 As Amended

Brief Title 2003 International Building Code
is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Barbara J. O'Connor
Council Administrator

Date February 7, 2006

ENROLLED

Robert S. Hager
Council President

Date February 7, 2006

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 06-04

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Barbara J. O'Connor
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 8th day of February, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

Barbara J. O'Connor
Council Administrator

BY THE EXECUTIVE

David R. Craig
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date February 13, 2006

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill No. 05-46 As Amended, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on February 13, 2006.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 14, 2006

Barbara J. O'Connor
Barbara J. O'Connor, Council Administrator

BILL NO. 05-46
As Amended

Agricultural Building Permit Requirements Table

AS AMENDED

	Structures Exempt in accordance with Subsection 105.2(1) Structures not greater than 200sf NO PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIRED	Structures Exempt in accordance with Subsection 105.2(14) Agricultural Exemption NO PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIRED	Subordinate accessory use within an agricultural building provided for in Subsection 105.2(14) in accordance with Subsections 302.2 and 302.2.1. 3000 sf/750 sf Rule	Not within the scope of the Building Code
Livestock shelters or buildings, including shade structures and milking barns	X	X		
Poultry buildings or shelters	X	X		
Barns	X	X		
Storage or equipment and machinery used exclusively in agriculture	X	X		
Horticultural structures, including detached production greenhouses and crop protection shelters	X	X		
Sheds	X	X		
Grain Silos	X	X		
Stables and indoor riding arenas, whether or not open to the general public, up to 750 sf	X	X		
Agricultural retail buildings, up to 3,000 sf	X	X	X	
Farm Tours of agricultural structures with no accessory use				X
Areas used for parties and receptions within Agricultural buildings	X		X	
Private parties and receptions within an agricultural building				X
Parties and receptions within an agricultural building open to the general public, up to 750 sf			X	
Indoor dining areas for less than 30 people, up to 750 sf	X		X	
Auction houses	X		X	
Restaurants, up to 750 sf	X		X	
Private bathrooms and offices within an agricultural buildings			X	